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Top Robots Compete At Global RoboGames

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

The fourth annual International RoboGames returns to Fort Mason Center in mid-June with new events and android athletes with incredible abilities — from skateboarding to abstract painting.

Billed as one of the "10 Best North American Geek Fests" by *Wired* magazine in 2006, RoboGames has also attracted coverage on ESPN, CNN, the Discovery Channel, and network news programs.

Giant combat juggernauts, nimble androids, six-legged hexapods, and many other wheeled or walking devices from 28 nations match skills in dozens of disputes. Humanoid robots battle for dominance in many contests, including wrestling, stair climbing, and foot races. Robots in all shapes and sizes display their prowess at fighting fires, solving mazes, navigation, and mixing drinks. Robot hockey, android basketball, and triathlons are also in the lineup.

Humans wearing external exoskeleton frameworks and braces compete in special *Tetsujin* categories for weightlifting, dexterity, and walking races. *Tetsujin* participant They Shall Walk is a nonprofit group developing robotic exoskeletons as part of ongoing medical research to help people with disabilities.

US robots and teams swept the 2006 RoboGames, winning most of the gold, silver, and bronze medals in all categories. However, the 2007 championships are up for grabs as more contestants enter the games from all over the world.

Fiery moment from previous RoboGames

For soccer fans, the 2007 RoboGames hosts the 12th annual RoboWorld Cup, sponsored by the Federation of International Robosoccer Association (FIRA). Fort Mason Center is the first US venue for FIRA's renowned event, which welcomes teams from more than 20 countries.

RoboGames founder and Robotic Society of America president David Calkins looks forward to the FIRA World Cup. Calkins, who is also director of San Francisco State University's engineering design center and robotics program, hopes to diversify robotics by bringing together researchers and robot fans from many fields to exchange ideas and have fun.

"It's great to see soccer alongside fighting robots and all the other events — everyone is really learning from each other," said Calkins.

Educating the next generation and keeping events accessible are top RoboGames priorities. Children and school teams enter contests for free and young spectators get in free on Friday. Affordable RoboGames contests are open to all — from professional and university research teams to amateur challengers.

For more information, see June 15 in the calendar and visit www.robogames.net. Go to www.fira.net for details about the RoboWorld Cup. — *Claudia Willen*

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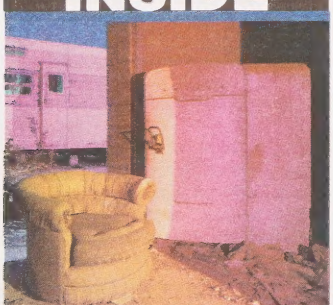

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Fort Mason Center's Mission

To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

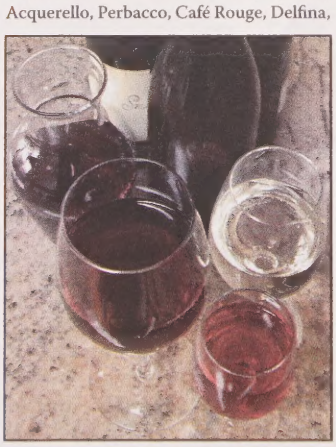
Days Of Wine & More Wine

▶ FESTIVAL & HERBST PAVILIONS, CONFERENCE CENTER, BUILDING A

Two major wine events sweep through Fort Mason Center this month.

The first is **Golden Glass**. In its fourth year, Slow Food San Francisco brings this gastronomic and educational event to the Herbst Pavilion Saturday, June 9.

Italy's most talked-about wines from such regions as Abruzzo, Umbria, Toscana, Campania, and Veneto, among others, are featured in this extraordinary event, as are culinary treats from such San Francisco eateries as Chez Panisse, A16, Quince, Acquerello, Perbacco, Café Rouge, Delfina, Pico, and Il Boccalone. Don't miss the chance to sample products from Bodega Boat Farms, Emporio Rulli, and Blue Bottle Coffee.



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In addition to the main tasting, you learn about saving an endangered economic, social, and cultural heritage and have the opportunity to attend a silent wine auction featuring rare Italian magnums and other sought-after wines with proceeds benefiting the National Arthritis Foundation. For more information about the event and the associated gala, visit www.thegoldenglass.com.

Later in the month, June 29 through July 1, celebrate **Pinot Days**. Pinot Days related events are scheduled throughout San Francisco and in wine country. Many of the programs, including the Grand Festival on Sunday, July 1 are held here.

On that day 160 pinot noir producers — from California, Oregon, Burgundy, New Zealand, and Australia — pour their current releases as barrel samples at the vast Festival Pavilion. Food vendors will be plentiful here. On June 30, the Fort Mason Center Conference Center hosts tastings by region, including The Best of Anderson Valley, the Best of 2005 Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley and Oregon pinots.

Check www.pinotdays.com for a complete calendar of Pinot Days events in the region. — *RT*

FORT MASON CENTER AT A GLANCE

Please see Calendar section for complete event information

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RUMBLINGS, RAMBLINGS AT THE FORT

CRIME FIGHTER, BASEBALL PLAYER & MISS AMERICA... You could write a play, couldn't you? At the recent "Great Pasta Cook-Off," a fundraiser for the **Museo Italo-Americano**, many city celebs were on hand. Among them were district attorney **Kamala Harris**, SF Giant **Rich Aurilia**, and **Nancy Fleming Lange** — aka Nancy Fleming, Miss America. In the awards department, Harris came in second with her Lamb Ragu. The event was held at the **Palio D'Asti Restaurant**.

THEATER, THEATER, MORE THEATER... Though it won't happen here, two Fort Mason Center resident organizations will participate in the **4th Annual San Francisco Theater Festival** in July. **BATS Improv** and **Magic Theatre** will join 70 theater groups. Look for all kinds of programs, from Shakespeare to hip-hop. The festival is FREE and utilizes 10 stages in **Yerba Buena Gardens**, **Yerba Buena Center For The Arts**, and the **Zeum**.

DANCE EXPOSED — IN A NICE WAY...Spark, the **KQED** show about the city's arts and artists that originates in San Francisco, filmed at the Cowell Theater twice recently. They were there to film the work of two dance companies — **Janice Garrett & Dancers** and the **Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company**. Incidentally, Lily Cai's ***Red Typhoon*** was a world premiere based on the choreographer's life during the time of Mao. Look for programs in the coming weeks and months. If you haven't caught *Spark* yet, you should.

ART & FASHIONABLE DONATIONS...Leah Garchik, *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist, reports that the **California College Of Arts** 100th anniversary celebration — fashion show and dinner — held here recently was an immense success. Garchik said the college raised $570,000 for scholarships. It was a busy time for the Fort Mason Center campus. As the fashionistas paraded, the **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artists Gallery** held their big Annual Artists Warehouse Sale.

AS TIME GOES BY... Looking back two decades, Fort Mason Center hosted the **9th Annual Spring Folk Music Festival**, a program sponsored by **Nuclear Weapons Freeze** and the **Committee In Solidarity With The People Of El Salvador** called "Give Peace A Dance," and **Festival Of The Sea**, presented by the **Golden Gate National Recreation Area**. **Magic Theatre** presented two pieces, *Neon Psalms* by **Thomas Strelich** about dreams gone amok and *Love in the 3rd*, by **O-Lan Shepard Jones** and **Kathleen Cramer** about Las Vegas showgirls. The **Asian American Theater Company** presented *Zatoichi: Superstar* by **Warren Kubota**, a comedy about a man trapped in a struggle between ancient and modern symbolic figures. — *STAFF*

Dance Dominates The Stage

▶ COWELL THEATER

June weekends at the Cowell are filled with dance performances ranging from programs with highly skilled students to nationally recognized dance companies offering world premieres.

Mark Foehringer Dance Project — SF Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2

The Mark Foehringer Dance Project — SF opens June with "Bitter Fruit," a world premiere that "explores the relation between striving and receiving." "Bitter Fruit" is set to music by Steven Reich and John Adams, and the accompanying *Concerto Grosso* is set to music by Ernest Bloch. *The Village Voice* said this: "Foehringer's considerable choreographic skill — and the dancer's gifts — shine clear." Lighting and scenic design are by Matthew Antaky. For more information, visit www.mfdpsf.org.

Chamberdance — Spring Season Saturday, June 9 & Sunday, June 10

The San Francisco-based youth dance company, Chamberdance, returns to the Cowell Theater with its 11th performance with the Academy of Ballet. Dancers, many on their way to careers in the professional arena, perform classical and contemporary works. This season, they dance to the "Schubert Quintet in C" choreographed by Artistic Director Richard Gibson and reprise a suite from George Balanchine's "Who Cares?" For more information, visit www.chamberdancesf.org.

Allegro Theater Company — Choreographers & Friends Friday thru Sunday, June 22-24

Live music and world premieres by some of the west coast's most exciting choreographers light the Cowell stage with Choreographers and Friends, produced by the Allegro Theater Company. Acclaimed choreographers Val Caniparoli and Julia Adam have works in the repertories of major American and international ballet companies. Richard Gibbs brings musical theater forms of dance to the evening, and Corinne Blum adds her approach to the eclectic program that moves from classical ballet through swing and on to contemporary athleticism. For more information, visit www.allegrotheater.org.

The dance programs are supported by the Grants for the Arts/San Francisco Hotel Fund, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the Fort Mason Foundation. Tickets for all three programs are available through the Cowell Theater box office and online at www.fortmason.org/boxoffice. For more information, check the opening dates in the calendar listing. — *RT*

Chamberdance Spring Season see 6/9 PHOTO: MARTY SOHL

Harlem Nights — A Casino Party

▶ CONFERENCE CENTER, BUILDING A

Dress up. Dance. Enjoy a little food, a little entertainment, and a little gambling? Sounds like fun. You'll also help support the programs of Positive Directions Equals Change, a nonprofit organization that provides people with the necessary tools to live a healthy lifestyle. The celebration and fundraising event starts at 8 pm, Saturday, June 23.

So, for the price of admission, you get to indulge in blackjack, craps, and roulette — and maybe win some prizes. All the while, proceeds go toward such services as substance abuse treatment, life skills re-socialization training, batterer's intervention services, anger management, and violence prevention as well as parenting education, HIV/AIDS awareness, and transitional housing.

Positive Directions Equals Change celebrates 14 years of "inspiring personal and social responsibility to the African American community." For more information, check the June 23 calendar listing or call (415) 401-0199. — *RT*

Kite Runner Author

▶ HERBST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HALL, PRESIDIO

Khaled Hosseini see 6/7 PHOTO: JOHN DOLAN

Afghan American author Khaled Hosseini — vaulted to literary icon status through his best-selling novel *The Kite Runner* — has done it again. With *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, he has penned "another searing epic of Afghanistan in turmoil," according to *Publishers Weekly*.

On Thursday, June 7, Hosseini reads from *Splendid Suns* at the Herbst International Exhibition Hall in the Presidio. Following this exclusive San Francisco appearance, he signs copies of his books. The event is sponsored by Haight-Ashbury's longtime independent, The Booksmith.

Born in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he spent much of his early life, Hosseini moved to the United States in 1980. Informed by these experiences, he interweaves stories of personal and national tragedy to create an absorbing narrative of deep despair and enduring hope. Told through the lives of two Afghan women, his latest book covers three decades of anti-Soviet jihad, civil war, and the tyranny of Taliban rule.

Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*, his first novel, was an international bestseller published in 38 countries. In 2006 he was named a goodwill envoy to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). He currently lives in northern California.

For more about the event, see the calendar listing for June 7 or visit www.booksmith.com. —*AL*

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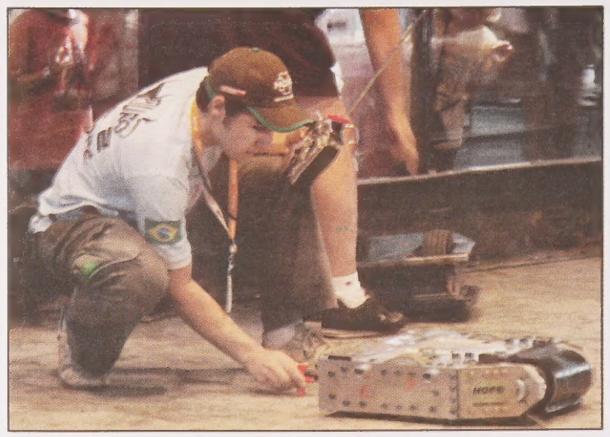

RoboGames see 6/15

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FRIDAY 1

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe begins an eight-week "Battle of the Bay" Theatresports Tournament, while "I (Heart) Teen Angst" returns for one weekend. Each Sunday, BATS' advanced students perform as the Sunday Players. 6/1-30 Fri&Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm $15-$8 ($12-$5 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

Battle of the Bay Theatresports 6/1-9 & 6/22-30 Fri&Sat

I (Heart) Teen Angst 6/15&16 Fri&Sat

Sunday Players Micetro & Theatresports 6/3&10 Sun

Sunday Players Gorilla Theater (Advanced Ensemble) 6/17&24 Sun

● **Mark Foehringer Dance Project /SF** The12th Home Season of this troupe features the world premiere of "Bitter Fruit." Set to the music of Steven Reich & John Adams, the piece explores the relation between striving & receiving. Also on the program is "Concerto Grosso," set to music by Ernst Bloch. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 6/1&2 Fri&Sat 8pm $20-$18 FMC "Friends" $2 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.mfdpsf.org (415) 345-7575

Artemisia The Dell'Arte Company presents the story of Baroque painter Artemisia Gentileshi interwoven w/the Biblical tale of Judith. Written & directed by Giulio Cesare Perrone. 5/18-6/3 Fri&Sat 8:30pm Sun 2:30pm $25-$20 Magic Theatre Bldg D www.dellarte.com (415) 441-8822

● **Citizen Josh** "Red Diaper Baby" Josh Kornbluth returns to the Magic Theatre stage for his latest one-man show. Through 6/10 Tue-Sat 8:30pm 6/3 Sun 2:30&7pm 6/10 Sun 2:30&8:30pm $45-$31, Sliding Scale Wed FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

SATURDAY 2

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE Bldg C (415) 674-1821

Great SF Crystal Fair Get a massage, have your aura read & select from 40 vendors of crystals, minerals, beads, jewelry & metaphysical healing tools at this dazzling fair. 6/2&3 Sat 10am-6pm Sun 10am-4pm $5 (under 12 FREE w/adult) Bldg A www.crystalfair.com (415) 383–7837

Exploring The Spiritual Life Weekly discussion group explores the dynamics of the spiritual journey. Experience encouragement in response to life's everyday challenges & explore how God fits into life's journey. Ongoing Sat 11am FREE adm Bldg C www.secondwindsf.org (415) 748-0015

Launch Pad Professional actors, directors & designers stage the top four plays from Magic Theatre's competition for high school students. 6/2&3 Sat 2:30pm Sun 7pm FREE ($10 suggested donation) Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8001

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

● **Mark Foehringer** see 6/1

Artemisia see 6/1

● **Citizen Josh** see 6/1

SUNDAY 3

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

Artemisia see 6/1

● **Citizen Josh** see 6/1

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Artemisia see 6/1-3

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● **Citizen Josh** see 6/1

WEDNESDAY 6

● **Citizen Josh** see 6/1

THURSDAY 7

An Evening With Khaled Hosseini The best-selling author of *The Kite Runner* reads from his new novel, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. A booksigning follows. 7pm $10 ($5 w/book purchase) Herbst International Exhibition Hall (385 Moraga Ave. in the Presidio) www.booksmith.com (415) 863-8688

Astrology Lecture "Secondary Progressions & Solar Arc Directions" w/Greg Bogart. 7:30-9:30pm $18 ($15 adv) Bldg C www.geocosmic.org (415) 558-9614

● **Citizen Josh** see 6/1

FRIDAY 8

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

● **Citizen Josh** see 6/1

SATURDAY 9

The Golden Glass Wine Tasting Slow Food SF presents its annual gastronomic & educational event featuring the year's most talked-about Italian wines complemented w/culinary delights from the Bay Area's top restaurants & artisanal producers. More than 60 wine producers who strive to protect, nurture & revive indigenous & classic Italian varieties are featured. 2-6pm (media preview 1-2pm) $50 Herbst Pavilion www.thegoldenglass.com (650) 873-6060

Chamberdance Spring Season The San Francisco-based youth company returns to the Cowell Theater in its 11th annual performance w/the Academy of Ballet. A highlight of the program is the return of the dramatic & modern "Schubert Quintet in C" by Artistic Director Richard Gibson. The company also reprises its performance of a suite from George Balanchine's delightful "Who Cares?" An "In Performance Series" recipient. 6/9&10 Sat 8pm Sun 3pm $24-$18 Cowell Theater www.chamberdancesf.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

● **Citizen Josh** see 6/1

Alcoholics Anonymous see 6/2

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 6/2

SUNDAY 10

Silver Clay Group Meeting Monthly meeting of this Bay Area group features "Plique A Jour & Torch Firing Enamels" w/Olivia Competente. 1pm FREE (first mtg, then $40 annual fee) Bldg C (510) 236-2313

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

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Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale Hi Ho Silver SF continues its spring & summer sale of high-quality sterling silver jewelry & items imported directly from Mexico. From traditional to modern to the unusual, there is something for everyone. Also on sale are crystal & silver tableware, handwoven Cambodian scarves & etchings by Nicolas de Jesus. 6/15-17 Fri-Sun 10am-4pm FREE adm Bldg A www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

RoboGames The Fourth Annual International RoboGames is the world's largest open robot competition & includes robot enthusiasts from around the world competing in 83 different events. Combat robots, walking humanoids, soccer bots, sumo bots & even kung fu-performing androids are featured. 6/15-17 Fri&Sun Noon-7pm Sat Noon-10pm $20-$15 (age 6 & under FREE; all kids FREE on Fri) Festival Pavilion www.robogames.net (415) 641-1007

Vorpal Gallery Art Sale Charyn Auctions presents more than 3,000 works from the archives of the renowned SF & New York gallery. Paintings, lithographs & serigraphs from more than 300 artists are on sale, including pieces from mezzotint master Yozo Hamaguchi. 6/15-17 Fri-Sun Noon-6pm Bldg D www.charynauctions.com (800) 827-9799

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SATURDAY 16

Psychic Healing Clinic Experience a basic energy healing with Psychic Horizons. 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

CalArtsf The SF chapter of the alumni association of the California Institute of the Arts presents an interdisciplinary showcase of the work of more than 30 alumni artists in dance, theater, music, photography, film/video, illustration, animation, graphic design, painting, mixed media & installation. 6/16&17 Sat 1:30-9:30pm Sun 1:30-6pm FREE adm Cowell Theater & Herbst Café www.calarts.edu/alumni/sf (661) 253-7875

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Vorpal Gallery Art Sale see 6/15

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Museo Lecture Series Roy Willis, Ph.D. presents "Rome Eternal City," an illustrated lecture series. 6/20&27 7pm $10/lecture Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Rome From the Etruscan Kings To The Fall Of The Empire 6/20

Sacred Splendor: The Rome Of The Popes 6/27

THURSDAY 21

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FRIDAY 22

Choreographers & Friends Four of the Bay Area's most exciting choreographers join top professional dancers in an eclectic evening of new work. Val Caniparoli, Julia Adam, Corinne Blum & Richard Gibbs combine classical ballet w/contemporary dance, jazz & swing to create dance at its best. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 6/22-24 Fri 8pm Sat 3&8pm Sun 3pm $22-$12 FMC "Friends" $5 off w/mbrs card www.allegrotheater.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

SATURDAY 23

SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 826-8337

Harlem Nights Casino Party A fundraiser for Positive Directions Equals Change, a substance abuse services organization. The evening is a celebration honoring accomplishments of the past 14 years & includes casino games, food & dancing. 8pm-Midnight $25 Bldg A (415) 401-0199

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Alcoholics Anonymous see 6/2

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 6/2

Choreographers & Friends see 6/22

SUNDAY 24

Rock Art By The Bay The Rock Poster Society presents a celebration of poster artists & art from the 1960s to the present. Rock poster artists are present to sign, discuss & sell their work. 10am-4:30pm FREE adm Bldg A www.trps.org (916) 739-1219

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

Food Addicts In Recovery see 6/3

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TUESDAY 26

Songscreening A music industry guest screens original songs for possible use in television or film, placement w/a recording artist, or for an artist development deal. 7-10pm $5 plus $75 annual fee Bldg C www.westcoastsongwriters.org (800) FOR-SONG

WEDNESDAY 27

Artists' Reception "Banzai/Godzilla: Japanese Influences in American Culture Then & Now." 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

Museo Lecture Series see 6/20

THURSDAY 28

Long Now Foundation Lecture Francis Fukuyama, author of *The End of History & the Last Man,* speaks on "The End of History Revisited." 7pm (coffee) 7:30pm (lecture) FREE adm ($10 donation rec) Cowell Theater www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

SF Astrological Society "Dirt, Jell-O, Windy & Hot Signs: Experience the Elements" w/Gerald Baron. 7:30-9:30pm $10 Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

FRIDAY 29

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

SATURDAY 30

Pinot Days Festival Wine lovers & members of the wine trade gather to taste a variety of pinots representing every major California & Oregon appellation, as well as Burgundy, New Zealand & Australia. Attendees can interact with winery owners and wine makers in a casual setting. The festival includes a grand tasting as well as smaller sit-down tastings of select wines. 6/30&7/1 Sat 3-5pm & 7-9pm $80 Bldg A (sit-down tastings), Sun 1-5pm $50 (grand tasting), 11am-5pm $80 (grand tasting & focus tasting) Festival Pavilion www.pinotdays.com (415) 408-3360

● **BATS Improv** see 6/1

Alcoholics Anonymous see 6/2

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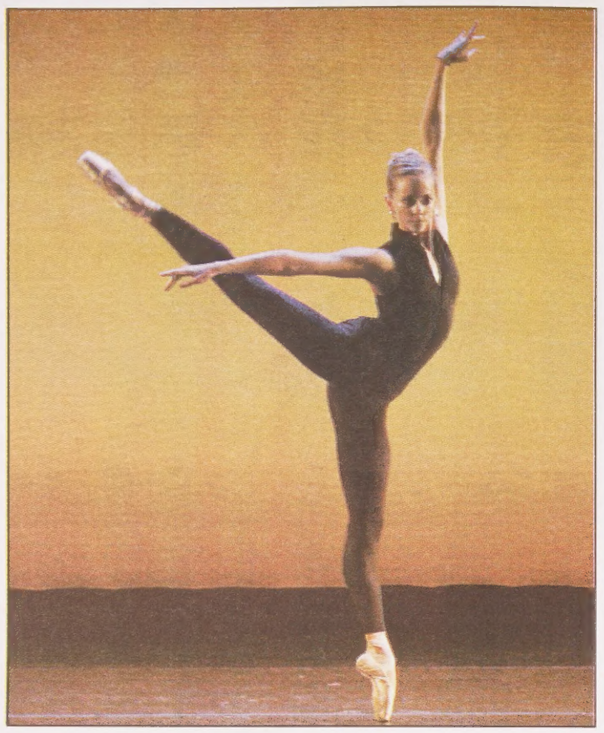

Choreographers & Friends see 6/22-24 PHOTO: WALTER SWARTHOUT

Pinot Days Festival see 6/30 PHOTO: JENNY DOLL

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Bay Bookstore
Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated to support programs in SF libraries. Daily 10am-6pm FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org/bookbaystore.html (415) 771-1076

City College Of SF Fort Mason Art Campus
Offices open Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840

Classes See Classes & Workshops

Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843

Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby
Daily 9am-8pm FREE adm Bldg A www.fortmason.org/visualarts (415) 441-3400

Posters — 30 Years At Fort Mason Center An exhibition celebrating the diversity of the groups & individuals who have helped make FMC the unique destination that it is. The posters represent a sampling of the thousands of events that have taken place at FMC over the past 30 years. 4/18-5/25 www.fortmason.org (415) 441-3400

Lost America Night photography of the abandoned west by Troy Paiva. Paiva shoots ghost towns, junkyards, decommissioned military bases, & dead roadside towns by the light of the moon. By adding colored lights with gelled strobes & flashlights, he also creates surreal & eerie tableaus of the forgotten fringes of consumerist America. 6/4-7/13 www.lostamerica.com

Long Now Foundation
The Long Now Foundation promotes & supports long-term thinking through exhibits, lectures & other materials available in its store. Tue-Fri 11am-7pm Sat&Sun 11am-6pm FREE adm Bldg A www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

The End Of History Revisited w/Francis Fukuyama see 5/28

Museo ItaloAmericano
Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Terra D'Inferno: The Colors Of Dante's Inferno An exhibit of paintings inspired by Dante's masterpiece by Italian artist Luisa Petruni Cellai (1927-1986). 5/3-7/22

"Rome Eternal City" Lecture Series w/ Roy Willis Ph.D. see 6/20

Italian Language Classes See Classes & Workshops

SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library)
Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Mon-Fri 1-4pm (by appt. only) FREE adm Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/research_contact.htm (415) 561-7030

SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery
Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm FREE adm www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

Paintings & Drawings Works by SFMOMA Gallery artists Bret Arenson, Cheryl Carter, Kirk LeClaire, Mary Curtis Ratcliff, Marg Starbuck & Michele Sudduth. 5/30-6/22

Artists' Reception 5/30 Wed 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm

"Banzai/Godzilla: Japanese Influences In American Culture Then & Now" 6/27-7/22

Artists' Reception see 6/27

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Blue Bear School Of Music
see Performing Arts classes

Chinese Dance Academy Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms w/modern dance & offers classes for all ages. Bldg C www.ccpsf.org (415) 474-4829

Jing Mo Athletic Assn see Martial Arts classes

● **Language At Play: Spanish, Chinese & French** Classes for children ages 1-5. Give them a head start on learning Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, or French. Lessons feature music, drama, games & art for learning language through play. Call or visit web site for times & costs. FMC "Friends" 5% off w/mbrs card Gatehouse & Bldg C www.languageatplay.com (650) 799-1066

Quest Camp Afterschool Therapy Two-hour weekly group therapy program for children to improve self-esteem, behavior & social skills by learning techniques to change unproductive behaviors. Through 6/8 Fri 3:30-5:30pm $80/group Bldg C www.questcamps.com (925) 743-1370

SF Children's Art Center focuses on a process-oriented art experience for children ages 27 mos to 10 yrs. Ongoing enrollment for classes in all media. Summer session begins 6/4, "Big Kid" weekly workshops begin 6/11. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Art Birthday Parties include use of studio, art supplies & activities led by SFCAC teachers. 11am or 2pm Sun, cost varies

Young Performers Theatre Classes & plays for 3 yrs & up. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Birthday Parties at YPT. Call or visit web site for details.

Creative Drama Offered for children (ages 5-8) who are learning to love the magic of live theater. 6/25-7/18 Mon-Wed 4:30-8pm $200 reg req

Performance Workshop This fun, challenging & intensive two-week workshop (for ages 8-14) offers instruction in acting, improvisation & character development. 6/25-7/6 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm $375 reg req

EDUCATION

CCSF Continuing Education
Offers not-for-credit continuing education courses in many subjects. Visit web site for course list & schedule. Office hours: Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm Summer session runs 6/14-7/26. Bldg B (415) 561-1860

Improv Comedy Traffic School Laugh while you learn traffic safety in this traffic violator class. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for details. Bldg C www.4trafficschoolbyimprov.com (800) 775-5233

Kaplan Classes Strategies for college admissions tests. Various dates, times & costs, see web site. Bldg C www.kaptest.com (415) 905-9000

Open Space Learning Workshop A dynamic, participant-driven method for convening meetings, retreats & conferences, "Open Space" is used worldwide for strategic planning, conflict resolution, product design, coalition building, change management & interdisciplinary knowledge sharing & networking. 6/20 Wed 6:30-9:30pm, 6/21&22 Thur&Fri 8:30am-5pm Sliding scale, contact facilitator for cost. Bldg C www.openingspace.net (510) 548-8449

Museo ItaloAmericano Ongoing classes in Italian language & culture. Call or visit web site for schedule & fees. Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Presidio School Of Management see Environment classes

Sherwood Test Prep Prepare for college admissions exams. See web site for dates, times & cost. Bldg B www.sherwoodtest.com (866) 837-8773

Systems-Centered Training Systems-centered theory explains how living systems contain their energy within functional boundaries & direct it towards their goals: the primary goals of survival & development & the secondary goals of environmental mastery. These courses offer experiential theory & practice for understanding & influencing human systems. "Training Group" 6/7 Thu 3-6pm $75, "Training Day" 6/8 Fri 9am-5pm $200-$75 Bldg C www.systemscentered.com (404) 261-5559

Testing For The Public Strategies for graduate, law & business school exams. Various dates & times. See web site for more info & cost. Bldg B www.testing4.org (888) 383-7846

Environmental Traveling Companions ETC Baja trip see Environment PHOTO: DIANE POSLOSKY

Young Performers Theatre YPT's production of *The Velveteen Rabbit* see Children's Classes

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Traveling Companions Enjoy the wilderness while contributing to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & youth. Scholarships available. Call or visit web site for more info. Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

Presidio School Of Management Earn an MBA in Sustainable Management. The program integrates social & environmental values within every course. Since 2003, the school has succeeded as a collaborative learning community committed to human, natural & financial sustainability. See web site for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.presidiomba.org (415) 561-6555

HEALTH & RECREATION

Aesclepion Healing Center
You don't have to be sick to try a healing. Attend Aesclepion's spiritual healing clinic. Ongoing meetings Fri 7:30-9:30pm FREE Bldg C www.aesclepion.net (415) 453-6196

Ayurvedic Specialist Program
California College of Ayurveda offers state-approved certification in this ancient healing method from India. Ongoing classes Bldg C www.ayurvedacollege.com (866) 541-6699

The Bipolar Advantage This workshop for those with depression or bipolar condition offers "powerful techniques that will put you back in control." 6/16&17 Sat&Sun 6-7:30pm $249 Firehouse www.bipolaradvantage.com (877) 231-4673

● **Breema: The Art Of Being Present** Nurturing & enlivening, Breema emphasizes that we best support others by being truly present w/them. Utilize harmonizing principles & movements to support a new availability to oneself & to life. www.breema.com (510) 428-0937

Breema Center Open House This event includes Breema bodywork mini-sessions, a regular class & an introduction to the Nine Principles of Harmony. Beginners welcome. 6/23 Sat 1-3pm FREE adm Gatehouse

All Possibilities Are In This Moment This class includes instruction in Self-Breema exercises, Breema bodywork partner sequences & the practical application of Breema's Nine Principles of Harmony. Beginners welcome. 6/30 Sat 10am-1pm $30 FMC "Friends" $5 off w/mbrs card, reg req Bldg C

Gentle Power Aerobics 50 yrs & older. Ongoing classes at FMC for 27 yrs. Low-impact, high-energy aerobics Mon, Wed&Fri ($8/class). Yoga & stretching Tue ($9). 9:30-10:45am Bldg C (415) 389-8249

Light Beings & Angels help you discover your life purpose by revealing your "Luminous Soul." Awaken to the wisdom & experience the light that each of us holds. www.luminousoul.com (415) 328-4192

Connect, Communicate & Heal W/The Angels 6/5-7 Tue-Thur 7-9pm 3/class series: Learn about the angels & how they connect with us (6/5), connect with your Guardian Angel (6/6) & Oracle Card reading techniques (6/7). $120 for all three classes or $45 ea Bldg C

Tian Gong Qi Gong Classes Providing people w/the means to heal themselves, others & the world, Tian Gong offers practices that fuse the ancient Chinese practice of Qi Gong & Universal energy healing traditions. Various dates, times & costs. Bldg C www.tiangong.org (415) 637-3104

Yoga For Lower Back Pain
Learn practical tools to heal & protect your lower back with gentle therapeutic yoga techniques. No previous experience req; drop-ins welcome. 6/23 Sat 10am-Noon $20 Bldg C (415) 206-9920

MARTIAL ARTS

Bay Mountain Wing Tsun Kung Fu & Escrima Effective, natural, martial arts for inner growth, health & relaxation. Ongoing classes for men & women. See website for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.bm-wingtsun.com (888) 429-9494

Cheuk Fung Yi Chuan Kung Fu Improve physical health & enhance mental faculties w/this down-to-earth style of martial arts. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8-9:30pm $80/mo Bldg C www.yichuankungfu.com (510) 352-1263

Jack Man/Jing Mo Assn Rick L. Wing of Jing Mo Athletic Assn. leads classes formerly taught by retired Grand Master Jack Man Wong. Ongoing classes. Sun 10am-Noon, Wed 5:30-7:30pm $50/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Jing Mo Athletic Assn Gung-fu hand forms & weapons, drums & lion dances taught in a fun environment. Children (ages 7 & up) & adults. Ongoing Fri 7-9:30pm $36-$26/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Sayoc Kali Tuhon Ricardo Kayanan trains warriors in edged weapons survival skills. Ongoing Tue&Thur 7:30-9pm & Sun 11am-1pm, call for cost Bldg C www.sayoc.com (415) 939-4940

Shaolin Tai Chi Mantis Kung Fu Learn & practice Kung Fu sets & techniques. Ongoing Mon 8-10pm $40/mo Bldg C (415) 750-9201

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MONEY MATTERS

● **Visual Business Intelligence Workshop** Three days of business data analysis & presentation courses taught by data visualization specialist Stephen Few, founder of Perceptual Edge. 6/6-8 Wed-Fri 9am-5pm $945 for three days or $350/day FMC "Friends" 25% off w/mbrs card Bldg A www.perceptualedge.com (510) 558-7400

Table & Graph Design For Effective Communication 6/6

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PERFORMING ARTS

BATS Improv Whether you're an actor who wants to enhance your performance skills or someone who just thinks improv looks like fun, BATS Improv has a class for you. See web site for schedule & fees. See the calendar for BATS performance schedule. Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

Blue Bear School Of Music
Private & group instruction in rock, jazz, blues, reggae & other popular musical styles. Instrument & voice, all ages & levels, day & evening programs. Group courses include band playing workshops for adults & kids

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plus Little Bear classes for infants to five years. Visit web site for schedules & fees. Bldg D www.bluebearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

Summer Camps These popular weeklong music day camps offer exciting adventures in rock, jazz, songwriting & more for kids ages 11 to 17. Beginning, intermediate & advanced. 6/18-8/24 Mon-Fri 10am-3pm

Chinese Dance Academy see Children's classes

● **Improv Open Workshop** Explore spontaneity & creativity in a stimulating, fun & supportive environment w/games, stage skills, body awareness & laughter. No experience needed. Ongoing Sat 1-4pm $10/class FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C (650) 225-9095

Meisner Technique Of Acting Trained by Sanford Meisner, Rachael Steinberg Adler teaches the Meisner Technique. Utilizing exercises, scene & monologue work, the course focuses on the development & use of instincts & emotional impulses as the forces underlying truthful action. Ongoing Mon&Thur 6:45-9:45pm Call for cost Bldg C & Gatehouse www.meisnercoach.com (415) 456-2725

Chinese Dance Academy
see Children's Classes
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Performing Arts Workshop Internships, schools residencies, workshops & materials for performers, teachers & artists in schools. Bldg C www.pawsf.org (415) 673-2634

Young Performers Theatre see Children's classes

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Executive Presenting Through a hands-on approach, this course is designed to provide specific insights & tools to help experienced presenters improve their ability to communicate with confidence. 6/26&27 Tue&Wed 9am-5pm $1,000 per person Bldg C www.lange-international.com (206) 260-3054

Marriage Prep 101 Create a foundation for lifelong marriage in Drs. Michelle & Patrick Gannon's award-winning weekend workshop for premarital & newlywed couples. Learn communication, conflict resolution & intimacy enhancement skills. 6/15&16 Fri 7-10pm, Sat 9am-5pm $395/couple includes refreshments, catered lunch, workbooks & novelties. Bldg C www.marriageprep101.com (415) 905-8830

Tools For Manifestation This basic training workshop offers "keys for unlocking your authentic self, tools for designing the direction of your life & magical techniques to awaken your personal power." 6/23 Sat 1-5pm $69-$59 Bldg C www.tracyhutchinson.com (415) 738-3553

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

California Lawyers For The Arts Classes & legal services for artists & art groups. Wed 7-8:30pm $20-$10 reg req FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200 x107

Distribution & Financing for Film & Video 6/13

CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus AM & PM classes (3 units college credit each) in ceramics, design, drawing, painting, prints & sculpture. See website for details. $20/unit Summer session runs 6/18-7/27. Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1860

Portfolio Development Class Designed especially for students wishing to develop their portfolios & aspiring to get into the creative side of advertising. 6/7-8/30 Thur 7pm $350 Bldg C (415) 989-6401

Screenwriting As A Pro If you're an aspiring or professional screenwriter, actor, or filmmaker, screenwriter/novelist James Dalessandro can show you the secrets of writing screenplays Hollywood will love. Open to all levels. Call for schedule & cost. reg req Bldg C www.we-penguins.com (415) 491-1906

SF Children's Art Center see Children's classes

Travel Sketching For Designers Massively improve your freehand sketching skills in one weekend. 6/23&24 Sat&Sun 9am-5pm $395-$295 Bldg C www.graphicsteacher.com (626) 355-3067

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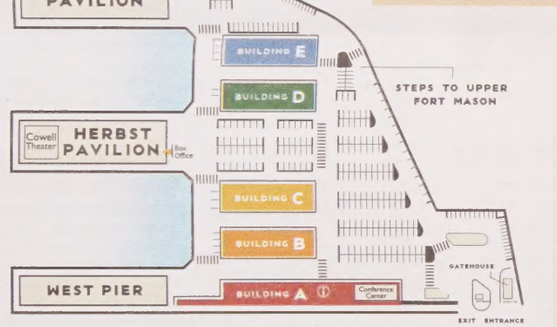

FORT MASON CENTER DIRECTORY

FMC RESIDENTS

Fort Mason Center houses 30 resident nonprofit organizations. These groups can provide you with information on printmaking, broadcasting, river rafting, theater, dance, marine ecosystems, copyrights, and much more. Contact the offices to find out what services, speakers, classes, or trips these outstanding Bay Area groups have to offer.

BUILDING A

Fort Mason Foundation (415) 441-3400
Greens Restaurant (415) 771-6222
Greens To Go (415) 771-6222
Special Events (415) 771-7955
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SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery (415) 441-4777
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BUILDING B

BATS Improv/Bayfront Theater Office (415) 474-6776 Box Office (415) 474-8935
California Lawyers For The Arts: Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services (415) 775-7715
City College Of San Francisco Coffee Gallery (415) 561-1840 **Continuing Education** (415) 561-1860 **Fort Mason Art Campus** (415) 561-1840
Cooks & Company (415) 673-4137
Marine Exchange (415) 441-6600
Ploughshares Fund (415) 775-2244

BUILDING C

Animal Switchboard (415) 474-4021
Book Bay Bookstore (415) 771-1076
California Lawyers For The Arts (415) 775-7200
Chinese Cultural Productions/Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co. (415) 474-4829
Environmental Traveling Companions (415) 474-7662
Italian American Cultural Center (415) 673-2200
Museo ItaloAmericano (415) 673-2200
Performing Arts Workshop (415) 673-2634
SF Children's Art Center (415) 771-0292
Tuolumne River Trust (415) 292-3531
Young Performers Theatre (415) 346-5550

BUILDING D

Blue Bear School Of Music (415) 673-3600
Friends Of The SF Public Library (415) 771-3777
Magic Theatre Office (415) 441-8001 Box office (415) 441-8822
Radio Bilingüe (415) 674-0925
Resource Renewal Institute (415) 928-3774 **Green Century Project** **Green Plan Center** **Water Heritage Trust**
World Arts West (415) 474-3914

BUILDING E

SF Maritime National Historical Park Headquarters (415) 561-7000 **Collections Storage Facility** (415) 561-7060 **SF Documents Department** (415) 561-7070
SF Maritime National Historical Park Library/J. Porter Shaw Library (415) 561-7030

PIERS

MIDDLE PIER
Cowell Theater, Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
Fort Mason Box Office (415) 345-7575
Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
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Festival Pavilion (415) 441-3400

LOCATION & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

FORT MASON CENTER

East Bay Bay Bridge to Fremont Street Exit; on Fremont (100 yards north) take first right on Howard; left on Embarcadero & go 2 miles; left on Bay & go 2 miles; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center.

North Bay Golden Gate Bridge (US 101) to Marina Exit; Marina Blvd (1.5 miles) to Buchanan & turn left into Fort Mason Center.

Peninsula/South Bay US 101 North to 9th St. Exit; 9th across Market & left on Hayes; right on Franklin; left on Bay; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center

HERBST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HALL Located in the Presidio, Moraga at Montgomery St. on the Main Post. Accessible through the following Presidio Gates: Marina (Marina Blvd. & Lyon St.); Lombard (Lombard & Lyon St.); Presidio Blvd. (Presidio & Pacific St.); or Arguello (Arguello Blvd. & Jackson St.). www.presidiotrust.gov/directions/transit.asp

TRANSPORTATION NUMBERS

Bay Area-Wide: www.511.org or call 817-1717 or 511 from any area code
East Bay BART: www.bart.gov (510) 465-2278
North Bay Golden Gate Transit: www.goldengate.org (415) 455-2000
Peninsula/South Bay CalTrain: www.caltrain.com (800) 660-4287
San Francisco MUNI: www.sfmuni.com (415) 673-6864
Herbst International Exhibition Hall: Presidio Shuttle Service www.presidio.gov/Visiting/DirectionsShuttle/PresidiGo

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Art Roundup — Prints, Photos, Paintings

▶ COWELL THEATER & HERBST CAFÉ, CONFERENCE CENTER BUILDING A, MEETING & ACTIVITY ROOM BUILDING D & RESIDENT GALLERIES BUILDINGS A & C

Art lovers take note. There are seven opportunities to view and purchase great art at Fort Mason Center this month. From contemporary classics to rock art posters, there is something for everyone.

Vorpal Gallery Sale Charyn Auctions continues its liquidation sale of Vorpal Gallery art in Building D from June 15 to 17. This is the final sale of work from the 40-year archives of the famed San Francisco and New York gallery. More than 3,500 pieces from more than 300 artists are on sale, including work from Yozo Hamaguchi, Alberto Valverde, Jose Esteban Martinez, Michael Bowen, Laurent Schkolnyk, Luis Solari, Gary Smith, and many more.

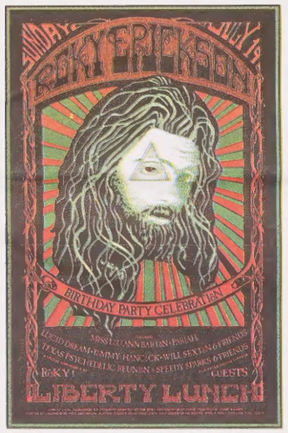
CalArtsf On June 16 and 17, the San Francisco chapter of the California Institute of the Arts Alumni Association presents CalArtsf. The showcase of art in the Cowell Theater and the Herbst Café features the work of Northern California alumni artists from the famed Southern California school. Both performance and visual art are featured — the show includes examples of dance, theater, music, poetry, film and video, as well as painting, photography, illustration, animation, graphic design, mixed media, and installation. The free event is dedicated to the memory of Joe Ranft, Pixar Animation's Head of Story and a Cal Arts alumnus, who was killed in an auto accident in Mendocino County in 2005.

Lost America "Gold Chair" BY TROY PAIVA

Rock Art By The Bay On June 24, the Rock Poster Society returns to Fort Mason Center (FMC) for a one-day-only sale of poster art from the 1960s to the present. The Rock Poster Society — aka TRPS — is "the planet's largest organized group of rock poster collectors, artists, and dealers." The all-volunteer, nonprofit group professes an "overriding joy in the art of the rock poster." The free event in FMC's Building A Conference Center is their fourth annual show and sale of this unique art form. Artists are present throughout the show to sign and discuss their work.

Lost America In his own words, night photographer Troy Paiva is "an abandonment explorer and back roads wanderer." The "ghost towns, junk yards, decommissioned military bases and dead roadside towns" of his moonlit landscapes reveal scenes most people only imagine in dreams. Using long exposures and hand-held colored lighting, he creates surreal images of a long-dead American landscape. His show of 25 extraordinary photographs in the Fort Mason Foundation Office Lobby (Building A) is on display through July 13.

Paintings & Drawings & Banzai/Godzilla In addition to these exhibits, two of FMC's resident organizations also have shows worth checking out this month. Through June 22 the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artists Gallery (Building A) is showing "Paintings & Drawings" with work by Bret Arenson, Cheryl Carter, Kirk LeClaire, Mary Curtis Ratcliff, Marg Starbuck, and Michele Sudduth. On June 27 the featured exhibit is "Banzai/Godzilla: Japanese Influences in American Culture Then and Now," with nearly 20 artists participating. The show continues through July 22, and there is an artists' reception on June 27.



Rock Art By The Bay
"Roky Erickson" BY JAGMO ©NELS JACOBSON

Terra D'Inferno
BY LUISA PETRUNI CELLAI

Terra D'Inferno At the Museo Italo-Americano in Building C, the paintings of Luisa Petruni Cellai (1927-1986) are on display through July 22. A writer, scholar, and journalist, Cellai's work developed as an extension of her interest in social and cultural causes. The exhibit, "Terra D'Inferno: The Colors of Dante's Inferno," grew out the artist's empathy for human suffering that was a result of her own battle with a terminal illness.

For more information on these exhibits, see the Calendar and Ongoing Programs listings. — *JR*

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Hours: open 9am-8pm (except holidays).

Facility Rentals: (415) 441-3400 www.fortmason.org/venuerental Special event pavilions, conference, and meeting rooms: contact@fortmason.org Cowell Theater: cowell@fortmason.org

Fort Mason Box Office: Cowell Theater entrance, middle pier, (415) 345-7575. Tuesday-Saturday 11am-5pm. Buy tickets online: www.fortmason.org/boxoffice

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Promoting The Humane Treatment Of Animals

Thirty-seven years ago, Virginia Handley looked with dismay at San Francisco's animal shelter, run at that time by the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

"There weren't any spay/neuter or volunteer programs, there was no lost and found list, and animals were painfully killed in decompression chambers," she said. "What's worse, no one was available for people to talk to who needed help late at night."

To help meet these needs, Handley and a group of eager volunteers held a meeting. They decided it was time to create a service operating 24-hours, seven days a week, that would be there when people needed help the most. The only question was, "Who's going to answer the phone?" Virginia's mother Grace Handley, largely homebound with polio, gladly took on the job. Thus began Animal Switchboard in 1970. Grace answered calls until the day she died in 1990.

In the early days of the Switchboard, Virginia wrote a letter to Cleveland Amory, well-known author, activist, and founder of The Fund for Animals. Amory was so intrigued by Animal Switchboard that he proposed a get-together. After meeting Handley in Los Angeles, Amory appointed her to head the San Francisco branch of The Fund for Animals, which operated out of Fort Mason Center. After Amory's death Animal Switchboard took over the office space.

Animal Switchboard has assisted thousands of people, acting as a counselor for people dealing with all kinds of animal problems. "People really need that personal connection," said Handley. The Switchboard refers people to low-cost spay/neuter facilities, keeps a lost and found list, counsels people on cruelty issues and animal welfare laws, and connects people looking for animals with those looking to give theirs up for adoption. The group maintains a library of hundreds of books and thousands of files on every animal issue, and publishes the *Animal Rights Resources Catalog* that surveys humane education material from dozens of animal organizations.

The partnership with Amory led Handley to become involved in advocacy at the state and local levels. She began lobbying for animal-friendly bills in the legislature and monitoring bodies like the California Veterinary Medical Board and the Fish and Game Commission. "While the public supports animal protection more than ever, it is special interests that run the show," she said.

Norma Hansen, Cleveland Amory, Virginia Handley & Eleanor Moore
Anti-seal hunting campaign gathering, 1975

Among Animal Switchboard's accomplishments, Handley said she is proud of their work on bills that banned the decompression chamber, prohibited painful animal experiments in elementary and high schools, and protected wildlife from indiscriminate trapping. Here in San Francisco, she helped found the city's Animal Welfare Commission, and served on a committee that started San Francisco Animal Care and Control. "Today, Animal Care and Control works in close cooperation with the SPCA, which has greatly improved city services for animals in need."

Operating out of Fort Mason Center also has benefited the Switchboard. Given all the activities, classes, and events that take place at the Center, Handley said it is an ideal location to educate people about animals. "Fort Mason Center is one of the most beautiful places in the world whether in the bustle of day or the quiet of night with only the sounds of seagulls and fog horns."

As consciousness about animal rights expands, Handley said the opposition grows more organized. "We're still fighting the same issues we were at the beginning — pet overpopulation, the slaughter of baby seals, wildlife habitat loss, and factory farming," she said. "But the movement for the humane treatment of animals is stronger than ever. Animal Switchboard will continue to serve as a resource to people who want to make a difference."

For more about Animal Switchboard, please visit www.animalswitchboard.org. — *AL*

Spark & Virginia Handley
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Sarah Animal Switchboard's first client.

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ANIMAL SWITCHBOARD

DESCRIPTION
Animal Switchboard advocates for animal rights and the humane treatment of animals worldwide. Members and volunteers manage a 24-hour hotline for people seeking answers and advice on animal issues and work to educate the public by conducting research, publishing articles, and providing testimony to local and state government officials.

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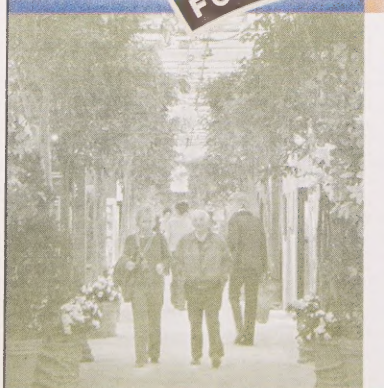

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